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L. SUMMARY: THIRD WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS SAW NO FURTHER

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PROGRESS ON MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES, PRIMARILY DUE TO PRODUCERS HESITATION TO DISCUSS CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

U.S. SPONSORED RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE NOVEMBER 20 SESSION OF COUNCIL SET FIRM DEADLINE OF 1:00 PM MONDAY 24TH OF NOVEMER FOR CONTACT GROUP AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE, ECOLOMIC PROVISIONS FOR NEW AGREEMENT. THE CONTACT GROUP AND PRODUCER GROUP WILL CONTINUE WORK THROUGH WEEKEND TO CONSIDER THE MAIN UNRESOLVED ISSUES

INCLUDING:

- A) DIVISION OF MARKET SHARES AMONG PRODUCERS.
- B) PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS AGAINST SHORTFALLS. END SUMMARY
- 2. DIVISION OF MARKET SHARES -- PRODUCERS HAVE MET SEVERAL TIMES THIS WEEK AND WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THROUGH THE WEEKEND IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE THORNY PROBLEM OF THE DIVISION OF BASIC MARKET SHARES. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT BRAZIL AND THE AFRICAN PRODUCERS HAVE NARROWED THE GAP BETWEEN THEIR INITIAL POSITIONS. AFRICAN PRODUCERS HAVE GIVEN TACTICAL SUPPORT TO COLSUMER POSITIONS TO GAIN LEVERAGE WITH BRAZIL ON THIS FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION. CENTRAL AMERICAN PRODUCERS HAVE MET SEPARATELY AND STILL CANNOT AGREE ON COMMON NEGOTIATING POSITION. DESPITE THE LACK OF PROGRESS, SEVERAL LARGE PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED.
- 3. PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS AGAINST SHORTFALLS TWO SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AGAINST PAPER QUOTAS:
- A) A US PROPOSAL DEFINING SHORTFALLS AS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPORTS AND QUOTA ENTITLEMENT WITH AN INCENTIVE FOR PRODUCERS TO DECLARE THE SHORTFALL IN TIME FOR REDISTRIBUTION.
- B) AN IDEA EXPRESSED IN CONSUMER CAUCUS RELATING THE VARIABLE PORTION OF THE QUOTA TO EXPORT PERFORMANCE.

THE FRENCH DEL HAS PRODUCED A PAPER MELDING BOTH CONCEPTS AND HAS CIRCULATED THE PAPER INFORMALLY TO BRAZIL AND IMPORTANT CONSUMERS. IN THE PAST BRAZIL HAS STRINGENTLY OPPOSED BOTH CONCEPTS ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM OTHER PRODUCER DELEGATIONS.

4. THE FRENCH PROPOSAL CONTAINS THE ESSENCE OF THE US PROPOSED SHORTFALL PROVISION. IN ADDITION, THE FLEXIBLE PORTION OF THE QUOTA WOULD BE BASED ON VERIFIED STOCKS AND EXPORT PERFORMANCE WITH EQUAL WEIGHT ASSIGNED TO EACH CRITERIA. THIS PAPER CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPECTED TO PPOVOKE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION IN THE CONTACT GROUP OVER THE WEEKEND.

- 5. WITH NO BREAK IN IMPASSE ON ABOVE ISSUES, CONFERENCE HAS STILL MADE PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS. THERE IS NOW A CONSENSUS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE BRAZIL FROST ANY NEW AGREEMENT WILL MOST LIKELY BEGIN WITHOUT QUOTAS IN EFFECT, AND CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD DEVELOPING A SYSTEM FOR INTRODUCTION OF QUOTAS AT A LATER STAGE WHEN CONDITIONS SO INDICATE. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE AS WELL IN A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS.
- 6. BY THURSDAY PLENARY SESSION, A SENSE OF DRIFT HAD

TAKEN OVER, WITH SMALLER MEMBERS PARTICULARLY DEMORALIZED AT THE LACK OF ANY REAL BREAKTHROUGH. FACING THE PROSPECT MF MORE OF THE SAME IN THE FOURTH AND FINAL WEEK OF THE NEGOTIATION, USDEL PROPOSED THAT THE CONTACT GROUP'S MANDATE BE EXTENDED TO PERMIT WORK THROUGH WEEKEND BUT WITH A FIRM DEADLINE ON MONDAY FOR CONSENSUS ON SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS. RWANDA AND LIBERIA GAVE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT, FOLLOWED BY OTHERS, INCLUDING BRAZIL.

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